

(a) whether the proposal for setting up of a thermal power station at Sagardighi, West Bengal has been awaiting clearance for many years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor, along with the details of the scheme; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have received in March, 1992, from the West Bengal Power Development Corporation, a revised Project Feasibility Report of 4x500 MW Thermal Power Station at Murshidabad envisaging installation of 2x500 MW in Stage-I and 2x500 MW in Stage-II for techno-economic appraisal. The State Authorities have obtained environmental clearance in respect of the proposed station for a capacity of 1000 MW and have also tied up water availability. Other essential inputs such as coal linkage and its transportation, fly ash management plan, clearance from Civil Aviation authorities and compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 etc. are yet to be tied up by the State Authorities. The scheme is not in a state of readiness for techno-economic clearance by the CEA and could be considered only after all the essential inputs have been tied up and the requisite clearances have been obtained by the State Authorities.

[Translation]

Tourist Places in Haryana

4166. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state the details of the tourist places in Haryana, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): The Central Department of Tourism does not maintain district-wise list of tourist places in the States. However, the Central Department of Tourism in consultation with the State Government have identified the following travel circuits for phased development.

- (Delhi) - Suraj Kund - Badkhal - Hodal - Palwal - Sohna - Dharuhera - Sultanpur - Gurgaon - (Delhi).
- (Delhi) - Rohtak - Panipat - Karnal - Kurukshetra - Tajewala - Kalesar - Sidhaaura - Narayangarh - Panchkula - Pinjore - Chandigarh.

[English]

Power Losses in DESU

4167. SHRI NITISH KUMAR:
DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether factory owners in Delhi have demanded three year freeze in DESU tariff rates;

(b) whether any estimate of power losses in transmission and distribution and distribution system in Delhi has been made;

(c) if so, the percentage thereof;

(d) whether DESU are incurring heavy losses due to theft of power also;

(e) if so, the estimated annual loss on this account; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to check these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). DESU has estimated its Transmission & Distribution losses during 1991-92 at 19.5%. It is not possible to segregate the technical losses and commercial losses (including theft of electricity). Theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence under Indian Electricity Act, 1910. DESU has already intensified its drive against theft/misuse of electricity. During the period April-December, 1991, DESU has checked 36957 cases and detected 22783 cases of theft of energy. 541 FIRs were lodged with the police for prosecution.

Telephone Exchanges in Himachal Pradesh

4168. PROF. PRM DHUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the locations of new telephone exchanges set up in Himachal Pradesh during 1991-92; district-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more telephone exchanges in the state during 1992-93; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A Statement is attached at Annexure.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A tentative list of 22 new telephone exchanges proposed for installation in Himachal Pradesh during 1992-93 subject to the approval of plans and availability of equipment and other resources has been drawn up. The district-wise details and locations are furnished in the statement attached at Statement.